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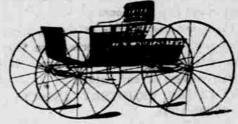
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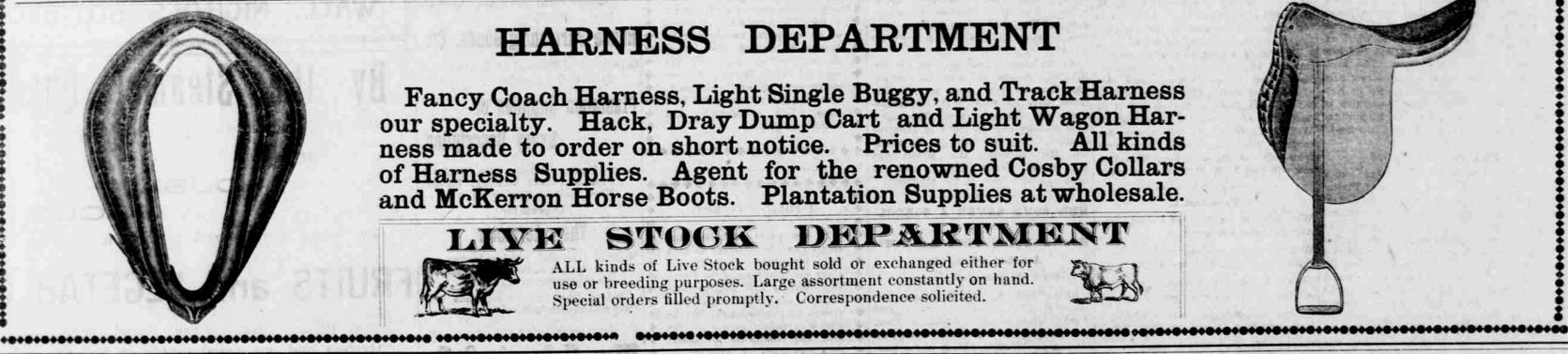


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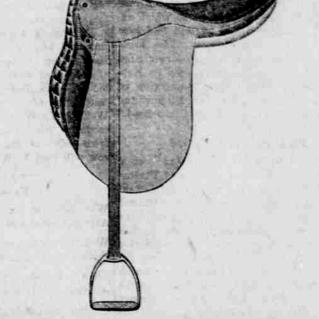
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Fate of Last Island,

veston island is not the first calamity of Last island was as difficult as paradise. the kind that has occurred in the Mexi- It was impossible to pass the argus eyes can golf. It vividly recalls an incident of the boat as the passengers came on that will ever live in memory. Over forty | board for the enchanted isle, as for Adam years ago there was a similar calamity in to return to Eden when it was guarded the destruction of Last island, off the by the angel with the flaming sword. The Louisiana coast, by a cyclone. September men who gathered there were not strang-

green floating upon the bosom of the sippi and Alabama, or the rich, courtly brought out as in a delicate photograph pides. rude, they seem like great giants wrap- gate at Last island and eat of the divingreatly increased. The ever-warm air ous attention to beautiful women. from the further south seas had given to the shrub growth an extraordinary lemon trees, the olive, the oleander

The terrible cyclone that destroyed Gal- To gamblers and games of the half-world of the doyen who watched the gangway ers to each other, for in Louisiana then Last island was a long, low streak of everybody who was anybody knew of his green, bound around the edge with a line social equal, if he was not a personal acof intensely white sand. Seen in those quaintance, no matter in what region he days from the Louisiana mainland (fif- lived. So there was a spot, not very much toen miles away, the lower end of the known to the outer world, where could parish of Lafourche), and part of the gather, when summer days became long parish of St. Mary's (the garden of Lou- and the dog star raged, the great cotton siana), it seemed but a slender bit of planting magnates of Louisiana, Mississummer sea. As you drew nearer the Creole sugar growers from the Bayon land displayed its charms. The island Lafourche country, or the Cote d'Or, on proper was about seven miles wide by the Mississippi river, and their congeners, about twenty-five long. The soil was very the American sugar planters from the rich and highly cultivated. Propinquity Felicianas and wealthy, aristocratic Ra-

all its lines of radiant beauty. Of forest, Once a year the very cream of the so deep and dense in the far south there country-side gentry from the states was none. But a few enormous live-oak named, with a sprinkling of wealthy "city trees had grown upon the island, and in men," merchants and factors from New the world of light of the semi-tropical Orleans, a few bankers, popular clergymoon, covered from crown to lowest men from the rich city parishes, with bough with a long gray moss of the lati- their wives and daughters, would congreped in their funeral robes, waving their est combinations of the French cuisine, arms aloft as they fied from a coming produced by cordons bleus, drink-spardies irac. Beyond these there were no ingly, generally-of the good red wines forest trees, as has been said. The island of France for your old-time planter, eswas but one long sand spit (only a few pecially if he was of Creole blood, never feet above the highest tide level of the abused "God's good things"-take daily covered with ever-living green. But plunges into the warm surf, and thus it was a very Eden of flowers. The merorousiv enjoy a month of dolce for fallen leaves of the live-oak for centuries mente. Never were men more courtly. had created in their decay a bed of rich Never were women lovelier. It was the allovium, which artificial means had very paradise of gentle, graceful, courte-

Brilliant Season of 1856.

The season of 1856 at Last island was one of the most charming ever known that evening the grand ball of the season, the floor! (which in Louisians is a tree thirty rest mendation. Mrs. Churchill is now at high) all of the tribe of japonicas, and since the famous watering place had been for it was to be the last. The band of Terror then beset all. A rush was made the scented stummer flower, jessamine established. Never did brave men and the French Opera House was there from for the hotel, but the covered way was entire body was covered with dogskin, tion in London. Mrs. Clifford has write work on another opera, to be produced the scented sometimes the ten a play, a powerful one, somewhat in New York this winter. She is often vellow and cape and hundreds of others charming women congregate at this New Orleans, then unequaled for its gone. It had been carried off by a trevellow and cape, and numbers of the Second Mrs. the leading figure at entertainments given unknown outside the tropics, made the charming rendezvous in greater numbers of the second Mrs. There were no wind mendous wave of the raging sea! Mothers unknown outside the tropics, made the tropics, made the forced to walk on all fours; could utter Tanqueray." with Ibsenite touches, for charity and is lavish with her talents island corrus and with brilliant colored bers or in a fuller, finer spirit of happiblossoms. It seemed that all that was ness and hopeful expectation. The sear the others were stringed. The ballroom other house, and sit down-in which was published in the Anglo-Saxon for the benefit of others, rich and lovely and beautiful in the vege- son was at its height. Not only was the was distant from the main hotel perhaps them? It was utterly impossible unless short, make the gestures of any human Review in March of this year. Its main tation of the semi-tropics here found its hotel proper filled, but the dozen or so of twenty yards, and was reached by a covcottages—generally known as the "bach- ered way, elevated to the level of both boiling flood of maddened sea that rolled A mandarin who heard of this mon- a short story by Mrs. Clifford, published An Investment Not an Expense. elors' quarters"-were all occupied by as buildings. It was built very near the between them. Of the horrors that fol-strosity had him brought to his palace, in Temple Bar fifteen years ago. When high bred, as gallant and gay a company sea and set upon brick pillars six feet lowed no living tongue could ever tell, where his hairy skin and bestial appear. Mr. Grundy's new play, "A Debt of

great white Persian jessamine. Ah, the draw, happy life of that wonderful isle in the days of long ago! True it was a watering place, with a most specialis surface watering place, with a most specialis surface bathing on the side dext the oven sea. But it had none of the garishness of sea-coast places of later days. It could never have been like Long Branch or Cape May.

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York or Washington. This day, however, way of description. lence, baleful, mysterious, ominous,

waves as though a world was in flames. depths of the sea. All that night the Dago fishermen (a curious, superstitious class, half Spanish- The women became seriously fright-Italian and half Creole, taking to the

the crack and roar of a 6-inch gun. Lightning Was Terrifying

and flame-colored bands of electric blaze, that oppressed their souls. waters of chemiere caminada.

In the evening when the sure went of gentlemen as the entire south could above the surface of the earth. The hotel But about midnight a strange sea moan ance caused quite as much terror as Honor," was produced in London a few

timid souls. It went down in the west, terrible of all, there was distinctly audi- adults were lost. and the sky red as vermeil, an angry sun, ble at intervals in the blackness and How helpless we are when Old Nature

Panic Among the Women.

waves like sea-gulls) heard out at ra ened and the men realized that nature strange sounds, moans, as though some was in one of her most unusual and marsupernatural being was in awful agony, velous moods. Still, no one anticipated The morning of the 11th was like that of any real danger. There had been great the previous day. Toward night there storms before. This was but the begincame up a terrible thunder storm. The ming of the equinoctial blow. The ball-Teche and Lafourche planters had never with dread of what might come. But often made of them. before seen such lightning. It flashed they would go; perhaps the gay dresses. To transfer a man into a beast would son of thirty, while the body was as small tante—painting. Mrs. Churchill is a from the zenith to the eastern and west- the brilliant lights, the soft sweet dance at first seem impossible. It is accom- as that of a child of two. This marvel- native of New York. Her husband. Edern horizon in great, broad green purple music might drive away the vague fears plished, however, by the Chinese, to our result had been obtained by placing ward Spaulding Churchill, belongs to the

a degree in width. And after each awful At 10 o'clock the dance was at its skin is removed in small particles from which the head alone protruded. This work as an artist includes both animal erash that almost rent the ear-drums height. Outside the storm was raging, the entire surface of the body and to the grew abnormally large, while the body e- and marine painting and examples of there would be a distinctly suiphurous The intense blackness of darkness was bleeding parts bits of the hide of living mained stationary in its narrow prison each class of her work have brought high tinge perceptible in the air. Toward the broken by the constant broad flashes of animals, bears and dogs are usually ap- house. norning of the 12th the thunder and lightning and phosphorescent blaze of the plied. The operation requires years for lightning ceased, but the rain continued sea. A terrible wind blew, with torrents its full accomplishment. After the perand the wind grew stronger from the of slanting rain that was as warm as son has had his skin completely change! southwest. The sailboats of the fright- newly drawn blood. The band was play- and becomes a man-bear or man-dog. ened fishermen could be seen in the early ing one of Gottschalk's sweetest dreamy he is made mute to complete the illusion morning light flying before the wind for waltzes (he was a Louisianian, you and also to deprive him of the means of secure landings in the safe streams and know), "Creole Eyes," when a girl informing the public he is intended to screamed. Her white satin bootine had amuse of his long torture. There was to be at the principal hotel been wetted by water coming up through A Chinese journal, the Hupao, prints

there was such a downpour of solar Toward noon of the 12th the sun one case the corpse of a lady in the last and doubtless old formula. The sunset that evening affrighted the waves like shadowy monsters. And, most ern Louisiana was in mourning, for 400 ducks.

and left the Occident blazing across the gloom an unearthly moan from the looses her awful mystic force and turns

MONSTER-MAKING.

Horrible Transformation in Human Beings by Expert Chinese. [From the Morning Oregonian.]

clothed themselves for the evening's ball, thieves. In Europe children are often was eagerly worshiped by the credulous. aided by the deft-handed maids, but with stolen by strolling mountebanks, who, At Shanghai, shortly after the opening She is a woman of versatile talents and hearts ill at ease. Other thoughts than by a disjointing process, make them sup- of the port, there was on exhibition a her accomplishments include music, The dwellers on the mainland and the those of conquests were filling their souls ple and expert. In China monsters are monster whose enormous head, with its both vocal and instrumental, and that

whom nothing seems to be unknown. The the victim, when a child, in a jar from titled English branch of that name. Her

a description of one of these human

thermometric measurement of September occupied a high dais that extended across broken brick pillars to mark where life was condemned to death, testified during | Mr. Grundy has replied to this that in Louisiana is not greatly different in the end of the ballroom. The buildings and beauty had died such a death. For the trial that barely one in five failed to he was quite ignorant of the fact that its altitude of heat from that of New were lighted with gas. So much in the weeks patrol boats along the mainland endure the process of skin changing. He Mrs. Clifford had written this play and shore found nothing but dead bodies. In practiced it according to a traditional that he had never seen the story on

ing. Gentle puffs of wind blew and rip- orange-hued orb. surrounded by a yellow, \$50,000 worth of diamonds she had worn horrible method of monster-making. Review. He adds: "My play was writpled the sea water and turned it into misty haze that changed constantly. As that fateful night. Think of the ghastli- They know how to graft a child on an ten and in Mr. Alexander's possession opalescent green. But the cooling sea night came on the sky was covered with ness of it. The only two survivors were adult in imitation of natural teratology. two years before I heard of the existence breezes reviving and refreshing all living a cloud of deepest blackness. There was a strong, powerful negress, who blindly The operation is on the same principle of Mrs. Clifford's play and story. My things, did not come. The day was un- a renewal of the vivid sheet lightning, caught on a door that was floating by as that of skin grafting. The circula contract with Mr. Alexander, made after comfortable. Men wandered about list- but no thunder. The sea was in such and was carried in to the mainland; and tory systems are brought into close con- the acceptance of the manuscript, bears lessly. Politics-it was the great Know- agitation as the c'dest p esent had never the other was a tiny baby girl, not more tact by means of deep wounds. Accord- date of July 2, 1898." What is still Nothing year, yet talked of in Louisiana before seen. Great, brilliant lights burst than 18 months old. She had been ing to a note of Consul Cinatti the Chipolitical annuls—even ceased to charm. from the waves as they were rolled in by placed upon a billiard table, which floated, nese are skillful in performing such ex- submitted her play to Mr. Alexander at In the air there was a stillness as though the tremendous southwest wind. Deep, and there she was found on the Lanature was watching and waiting in si- phosphorescent fires, incandescent in ser- fourche shore forty-eight hours after the giving chickens the feet of ducks and in actor evidently had forgotten all about pentine forms, were seen rising from the storm. Nearly every household in south- putting cocks' combs on the heads of it when he read Mr. Grundy's drama;

especially if a certain kind of food is giv- fuses. The discussion has been carried en to it and its vocal cords are made on with exemplary courtesy. Mrs. Clifuseless. A living Buddha was made in ford making it plain that she does not this way and exhibited by the bonzes to suspect Mr. Grundy of plagiarism. It their congregations. This child, after is likely that her play, too, will be proyears passed in absolute darkness, had be- duced ere long, when the verdict of the come as white as wax. He had been public may be expected. The differences obliged to remain motionless in the pos- between the two are said to be as strikture of Buddha until his muscles had be- ing as the similarities. come rigid. No one had ever spoken to From time to time the Chinese authori- him, and he had grown in his cellar as a Mrs, Coriane Churchill does not need thunder was as unlike that of the north- room was lighted. There was nothing ties by official proclamation warn the fungus would have done. Brought out to the reflected glory given by her stepson's ern dash of storm as a firecracker is to else to do but go to the dance. Women people of the country against child the light, this mute, blinking living statue literary reputation as the author of

long hair and mustache was that of a per- other gentle art so dear to the dilet-

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN A

Mrs. W. K. Clifford, the English novelist, and Sydney Grundy, the dramatist, are the principals in a remarkable con-

warmth that the island was almost burn- shone out for an hour, but it was a dull, putrescent stages was identified by nearly The Chinese have another still more printed drama itself in the Anglo-Saxon Darkness alone, it seems, is sufficient larity. But, then, he probably sees too to make a curious specimen of a child, many plays to remember the ones he re-

> prices. Mrs. Churchill excels as a musician in the mastery of the organ and writer. Her "Richard Carvel" march is becoming widely known. Her latest ef-NOVELIST AND DRAMATIST . fort is the "Sunshine Waltz," dedicated to Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, presi-

was constructed in the same fashion, so that became a roar grew nearer and surprise. Upon being asked if he was a weeks ago, Mrs. Clifford wrote at once that when he first went into business he down and the warm south wind drew in from the sea, the air would be heavy with sweet but unfamiliar flower odors. You was one of almost unearthly loveliness. weet but unramiliar nower odors. 100 was one of amost questing loveliness. Was given to him, but he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet was given to him, but he could not use treatment between the two pieces, addition on three sides, upon which doors of the great white Persian jessamine. Ah, the great white Persian jessamine was green as an embediance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles long, ten miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and miles wide and sixty feet manner that he could write. A pencil semblance in motive, situation and sixty feet manner that he could write a sembl